



## St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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### Y2 Ash Class Curriculum News Summer 2026

Welcome back to the final term of year 2. Children will continue to be taught by Mrs Anderson (Mon-Thur) and Mrs Cross (Fri). The children will be supported by Miss Dent and Miss Fleming.

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly. Morning work is provided from 8:30 to practise skills children need to work on. **Lessons formally begin at 8:45** so children need to be sat down at their tables by then.

We have lots planned over the next term! We will be investigating what plants need to grow then comparing this with the needs of animals (including humans) in science. In art we will be studying the artist Paul Klee, and using his techniques to create our own pieces of art. In DT, we will be cooking.

In history we will be learning about homes in the past and how they change over time. We will be undertaking fieldwork studies of houses in Taplow and Windsor Castle and comparing structural features and materials that were used to build them. Later in the term we will move onto study geography. We will be learning all about oceans; who lives in them; why they are important; what are the threats to the ocean and what we can do to protect them.

As always, please make sure your child brings in a named coat – we will be going outside, even in the rain! In addition to break times, children receive regular moment breaks throughout the day. Some of these include free play in the playground; BBC super movers; 10 star jumps behind their chair; or punctuation mimes in English.

PE days for the summer term are on Mondays and Thursdays. Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they can tie them themselves. Spare shoes/trainers are no longer needed to be brought in.

Please ensure your child's reading book and planner is in school with them each day.

#### Essential Information

	Main events:	What to bring in:
<b>Monday</b>	Planners handed in for checking and books swapped All home learning in and marked Spellings tested PE	Home learning books Come to school wearing your PE kit Reading book and planner
<b>Tuesday</b>	Home learning and spellings given out	Reading book and planner
<b>Wednesday</b>		Reading book and planner
<b>Thursday</b>	Library day PE	Bring in library books Reading book and planner Come to school wearing your PE kit
<b>Friday</b>		Reading book and planner

### Maths

Tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes. This term we will be learning about fractions, telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes, problem solving in all 4 operations, statistics and position and direction. We will also continue to recall x and ÷ facts for the 2s, 5s and 10s tables.

### Reading

Children will be given two levelled reading books and a school library book (which they swap every Thursday) to read with adults at home. Some children will also have a RWI books. We also encourage children to take out books from local libraries to widen their reading experience. Please continue to listen to your child read aloud everyday and record this in the planner.

### Art and DT

This term we will be cooking a dish from one of the Commonwealth countries. We will also be studying the artist Paul Klee.

### Spellings

We have a new spelling pattern being introduced each week. Children should practise and learn the words that are sent home so that they are ready for the spelling test the following Monday. Please also practise the year 1 and 2 common exception words.

### Water bottles and snacks!

Your child needs a bottle filled with plain water in school every day. Regular breaks are given throughout the day for children to hydrate themselves. A fruit or vegetable snack for break time will be

### Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be handed in on time. Please support your child to complete their home learning and ensure they are presenting their work neatly and in pencil. If your child has any issues with home learning, please make sure they speak to the teacher about it or contact the teacher yourself so that we can help them prior to the completion date. Going the extra mile is optional. Tasks for this can be found on our class page.

## What will we be learning this term?

### English

Writing for a range of purposes

### Grammar

Spelling patterns, sentence types, conjunctions.

### Reading

Developing speed when reading and expression. Being able to answer inference and prediction questions. Our class readers will include 'Diary of a Killer Cat' and 'Harry and the Poisonous Centipede.'

### Maths

Position and direction, statistics, time, problem solving, fractions

### Science

Plants; animals including humans

### History/Geography

Homes in the past; oceans and seas

### RE

What is the good news Jesus brings? What are the best reasons for following a leader?

### PSHE

Being my best; growing and changing

### Art and DT

Commonwealth cooking; Paul Klee

### Computing

Creating media - making music; programming – an introduction to quizzes

### Music

Learning to play the recorder; reading basic music notation

### PE

Run, jump and throw; send and return; cricket; athletics

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss. This can be via a note in the planner or an email to the school office.

**Mrs Anderson and Mrs Cross**